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Playtime at Playland

Playland staff ride the wooden roller-coaster yesterday as they prepare for the upcoming throngs who will enjoy the amusement park's many attractions. Today marks the wooden roller-coaster's 50th anniversary. See story, page 3.

Gloves off in mayoral race

Ladner fires back after voting record criticized

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

A day after Gregor Robertson's nomination win, with five months to go until November's civic election, the race to become Vancouver's Olympic mayor is already heating up.

In his victory speech Sunday, Robertson criticized the Non-Partisan Association's newly elected mayoral nominee Peter Ladner on his voting record. He said Ladner has cut the budget for the climate change action plan, voted to eliminate affordable housing in southeast False Creek and helped dismantle the homelessness action plan.

"[Ladner's] voting record is not good," said the Vision Vancouver mayoral nominee.

Ladner responded yesterday by saying Robertson is misinformed.

"The only cuts that have ever been made on the climate change action plan were incidental and have no bearing on the effectiveness of the climate change program," he said, adding that he brought in a motion to increase the greenhouse gas emission reduction target.

On the topic of False Creek, he said: "When Gregor's been around long enough to do some homework, he will discover that the amount of non-market housing in False Creek is unprecedented in any modern development in the city."

Ladner also pointed out that Robertson does not have a voting record.

Fifth human foot washes ashore

Another human foot has mysteriously washed ashore in the Lower Mainland.

The left foot was recovered at 10:30 a.m. yesterday in Fraser River off Westham Island in Ladner. It is the fifth mysterious foot that has washed ashore in less than a year.

"The Delta Police Criminal Investigation Section is working with the B.C. Coroners Service to establish identity and is liaising with outside agencies to determine if this is linked to the other partial remains recovered in the recent past," said Delta Const. Sharlene Brooks in a release yesterday afternoon.

Last month, a foot washed ashore on Kirkland Island, also in the Fraser River, while in February, one was found on Valdez Island between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

In August, two Size 12 right feet washed up on Gabriola and Jedidiah islands.

The previous four feet were all wearing socks and runners.

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Pacific salmon returns are the lowest in 50 years and were given a cautionary yellow listing by the David Suzuki Foundation yesterday. Consumers are advised to eat Pacific salmon sparingly.

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Go, West Van

Families raise $1M to give district 2010 Venue City status

By **JOYCE YIP**
for Metro Vancouver

West Vancouver joins Richmond and Surrey as a Venue City for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, thanks to a $1-million fund raised by six families.

Surrey

» Surrey, which is also a Venue City, will not host any Olympic events, but is home to a volunteer recruitment centre.

West Vancouver, which is the host for the Olympic snowboard and freestyle events at Cypress Mountain, can now use the Vancouver 2010 Venue City logo to promote the district.

Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones said she is excited about the increased involvement.

"We hope to connect families to the excitement and energy of the games," she said. "Through community participation, we were able to make this unique contribution to the 2010 Games. This is a proud day to be a West Vancouver citizen."

John Furlong, Vanoc chief executive officer, appreciates the partnership.

"The day we started with West Vancouver, they have taken on the burden, the duty and the excitement that comes with the games," he said. "They will be remembered for decades to come."

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VANOC CEO John Furlong announces that West Vancouver joins Surrey and Richmond as an official Venue City for the 2010 Olympic Games at a press conference yesterday.

Free coaster rides today

Mayor to help mark 50th anniversary of Playland structure

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

Playland's beloved wooden roller-coaster turns 50 today, and to mark the milestone, the Pacific National Exhibition is offering free rides this morning.

Mayor Sam Sullivan will be on hand with PNE president and CEO Michael McDaniel to designate the coaster as a "site of special significance to the city."

Shawn Joinson, who supervises the maintenance of the ride, said the coaster might be modest in design and scale, but people love it. It's even an American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE) Coaster Classic.

that's fast

» The PNE's wooden roller-coaster reaches a maximum speed of 72 kilometres an hour and is 23 metres tall at its highest point. The 90-second ride whisks around 500,000 guests each year.

"It's unique in the fact that … it loops around three times in an oval. There's no switchbacks, no fancy loops, the drop isn't spectacular, but there's definitely a lot of movement."

Joinson said wooden roller-coasters require more maintenance than steel coasters, especially in rainy Vancouver.

"Wooden (coasters) bend and move," he said, adding that the wood, which is Douglas fir, is dipped in a treating chemical to preserve it.

He also said the chemicals used to keep the track from rusting degrade the wood, so some of it has been replaced over the years.

"We find that the wood from 50 years ago is a lot stronger than the wood we get now," Joinson said. "If we don't have to replace it we don't."

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»news In Brief

» **GUILTY** Amjad Khan and Naim Saghir, both 23-year-old Surrey men, will receive life sentences after being found guilty in the first-degree murder of 21-year-old single mother Tasha Lynn Rossette in 2005. Police said the motive was because Rossette, who was in a relationship with Khan, was pregnant and he did not want a child.

» **LAND** Metro Vancouver is challenging the province's decision to hand over a portion of Pacific Spirit Park to the Musqueam First Nation in B.C. Supreme Court, news1130.com reports. It argues that the federal government has jurisdiction over First Nations and wants the land transfer reversed.

» **WARNING** Police are warning the public after an attempted abduction of a 17-year-old girl in Chilliwack early Saturday morning. The girl was pulled into a car, but was able to fight off her three male attackers, who fled in their light-coloured SUV.

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Fuel driving slump: Expert

Economist says gas, food costs hurting housing market

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

The rising cost of food and fuel has contributed to a drop in residential real estate sales, according to the chief economist for the B.C. Real Estate Association.

According to a new report by the BCREA, residential unit sales on the Multiple Listing Service fell 31 per cent to 8,101 compared to the same period last year.

The total dollar value of those sales was $3.9 billion, down 27 per cent from last year.

Cameron Muir, chief economist for the BCREA, attributed the drops to an uncertain economy and the rising cost of household necessities.

average price

» The average price of a home in Metro Vancouver is $624,639, up 5.6 per cent from last year's average of $591,722.

"Rising fuel and food prices are impacting the housing market, as many potential homebuyers take a wait-and-see approach out of concern for their household budgets," he said in a news release.

Muir added that a spate of bad news stemming from the U.S. housing recession is also causing potential homebuyers to hold out on their purchases.

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Bob Baker of the Squamish Nation leads Coun. Suzanne Anton into chambers at City Hall yesterday. Anton proclaimed Saturday Aboriginal Day in Vancouver with National Aboriginal Day.

Vancouver devotes day to Aboriginals

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

Members of the Squamish Nation joined city councillors yesterday to announce Saturday will be Aboriginal Day in Vancouver.

The 12th annual national day of celebration comes on the heels of an historic apology made by federal party leaders to residential school survivors in Ottawa Wednesday.

Bob Baker, with the Squamish Nation, said Saturday is an important day to recognize Aboriginal people around the country.

"We are very excited about this time," he said. "We ask to be blessed with understanding, harmony and strength."

« National Aboriginal Day ... presents Aboriginal people with an opportunity to express great pride for their rich, diverse cultures ...»

Coun. Suzanne Anton

Coun. Suzanne Anton, reading from a proclamation from Mayor Sam Sullivan, said, "the contribution of Aboriginal peoples to Vancouver's past, present and future are ... not often recognized.

"National Aboriginal Day ... presents Aboriginal peoples with an opportunity to express great pride for their rich, diverse cultures with their families, neighbours, friends and visitors."

Survivors to attend event to mark bridge tragedy

It's been 50 years to the day since the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge collapsed, plunging 79 people into Burrard Inlet and killing 18 workers.

A diver also died while searching for survivors in one of British Columbia's worst industrial disasters.

Today, the bridge, which connects Vancouver to North Vancouver, will be the site of a memorial ceremony in honour of the workers who lost their lives. The collapse has been attributed to a faulty engineering calculation on a temporary support.

Survivors, victims' families, and ironworkers will mark the anniversary of the tragedy at a bluff overlooking the bridge. Others scheduled to attend are Phil Nuytten, one of the divers at the scene, James Leland, business manager of Ironworkers Local 97 and Dave Anderson, president and CEO of WorkSafeBC.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

»news In Brief

» **ARREST** Roger Badour, a 59-year-old high-risk sex offender, was arrested without incident in Burnaby yesterday morning, Vancouver police said. Badour, a predatory sex offender who has served time for sexual assault with a weapon and forcible confinement, walked away from his halfway house on June 7.

» **LOTTERY** Gary Sobolik of Surrey won $21.9 million when he matched all six numbers in Saturday's Lotto 6/49 draw. Sobolik, who is a hot-rod enthusiast, said he plans to buy a home and a couple of new vehicles with the winnings.

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Victoria bylaw sparks challenge

Homeless say ban on sleeping in park violates their rights

In the first case of its kind heard in Canada, the constitutionality of Victoria's bylaw prohibiting sleeping in parks is being challenged by a number of people who argue they have a right to sleep in public places. The challenge to the bylaw began nearly three years ago, after dozens of homeless people erected a tent city and were then forced to dismantle it.

The homeless group argues that in the absence of shelter beds, it's a violation of their Charter rights for the city to ban them from sleeping in city parks and from putting up their own shelters, whether cardboard boxes, tents or tarps.

Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe said yesterday the city is defending the bylaw because there are broad implications for all municipalities.

> « *We do not support any one group taking over the park for their own purposes.* »
> *Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe*

Lowe said in an interview that he's talked to other mayors about the issue and municipal leaders are worried about what will happen if the courts rule against city bylaws prohibiting sleeping in parks.

"Parks are for everyone and for everyone's enjoyment," Lowe said. "We do not support any one group taking over the park for their own purposes. That includes people who want to camp overnight."

According to a report submitted in court yesterday, a survey conducted last year found about 1,500 homeless people living in a city where there are about 350 shelter spaces. But Lowe said those numbers don't reflect the reality. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Penny Boudreau, right, is escorted out of the courthouse in Bridgewater, N.S., yesterday.

Angry mob greets Nova Scotia mom

Woman charged in daughter's death appears in court

Dozens of angry Bridgewater, N.S., residents crowded outside the town's courthouse yesterday shouting and swearing at Penny Boudreau as police escorted her into a waiting cruiser.

"You deserve what you did to your daughter," one woman yelled while Boudreau covered her face and hurried from the exit to the car.

About 100 people packed the Bridgewater provincial court room where the 33-year-old made her first appearance on charges of first-degree murder in the death of her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau.

She wept uncontrollably throughout the brief appearance, covering her tear-stained face with her hands and crumpled tissues.

Sitting front and centre in the court room yesterday were the woman's ex-husband Shane Boudreau, his brother and Karissa's father Paul Boudreau and the Grade 6 student's grandparents Wayne and Suzanne Grear.

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terrorism

Tamil group added to terrorist list

TIGERS The Canadian government added the World Tamil Movement to its list of terrorist groups yesterday, describing it as a front that raised funds for the rebel Tamil Tigers fighting against the government in Sri Lanka.

The movement's assets will be frozen and Canada's banking regulator said that Canadian financial institutions must review records and report to the federal police any transactions made by the group. **REUTERS**

Ottawa

Couillard refuses to testify at probe

BERNIER Julie Couillard is refusing to voluntarily appear before a Commons' committee looking into the missing documents scandal that forced foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier from his job.

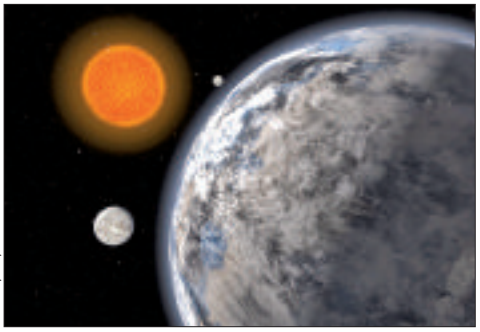
Both Couillard and Bernier could face charges under the Security of Information Act and it's unfair to compel her to speak while Bernier remains silent, lawyer Jean-C. Hébert said in a letter to the Commons' public safety committee. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

world

A man caught breaking into a German supermarket late at night escaped despite being handcuffed to railings — only to be arrested after he ran to a nearby police station to get the cuffs removed. REUTERS

‘Super-Earths’ discovered

Researchers say Earth-like planets may be common



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An artist’s impression of the trio of super-Earths discovered by an European team using the HARPS spectrograph on ESO’s 3.6-m telescope at La Silla, Chile, after five years of monitoring.

European researchers said yesterday they discovered a batch of three “super-Earths” orbiting a nearby star, and two other solar systems with small planets as well.

They said their findings, presented at a conference in France, suggest that Earth-like planets may be very common.

“Does every single star harbour planets and, if yes, how many?” asked Michel Mayor of Switzerland’s Geneva Observatory. “We may not yet know the answer but we are making huge progress towards it,” Mayor said in a statement.

The trio of planets orbit a star slightly less massive than our Sun, 42 light-years away towards the southern Doradus and Pictor constellations. A light-year is the distance light can travel in one year at a speed of 300,000 km a second, or about 9.5 trillion km.

The planets are bigger than Earth — one is 4.2 times the mass, one is 6.7 times and the third is 9.4 times. They orbit their star at extremely rapid speeds — one whizzing around in just four days, compared with Earth’s 365 days, one taking 10 days and the slowest taking 20 days.

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»news In Brief

» **CLASHES** Afghan and U.S.-led coalition forces, backed by air support, have killed 35 insurgents in the south of the country in two separate clashes, the U.S. military said yesterday. Violence has surged in Afghanistan since 2006 when the ousted Taliban made a comeback, with nearly 13,000 people killed during the period.

» **CRACKDOWN** Iraq’s security forces tightened their grip on the southern city of Amara yesterday and appealed to Shi’ite militias to hand over heavy weapons before a government deadline for launching a crackdown.

» **GORE** Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore officially endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama’s bid for the White House at a rally in Detroit last night. REUTERS

China tells people to avoid torch run

Security worries rise as relay enters Muslim region

Xinjiang

» Xinjiang is home to 8 million Uighurs, many of whom resent the growing presence and economic grip of the Han Chinese. The government insists only a tiny minority support the separatists.

Authorities in China’s troubled far-western region of Xinjiang are telling people who want to watch the Olympic torch as it passes through the area to stay at home and tune into the television instead.

In other parts of China spectators have thronged streets to get a glimpse of the torch relay, but in Xinjiang they have been banned from climbing trees or collecting on bridges under which the flame will pass, state media said yesterday.

The steps are a measure of the sensitivity which surrounds Xinjiang, an oil-rich border region which is home to the Muslim Uighur people.

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Same-sex couples wed in California

Move might cause other states to define marriage

MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Same-sex couple Del Martin, left, and Phyllis Lyon exchange rings.

marriage licences

» California is the second state, after Massachusetts, to marry same-sex couples, but it is the first ready to grant licences to couples from any state.

California performed its first legally recognized same-sex weddings yesterday and opened its doors to gay and lesbian couples from around the country, a move likely to challenge other states that define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Octogenarians Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon took the first vows in San Francisco’s ornate City Hall in a ceremony presided over by Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The two, who have been together for more than 50 years, were also the first to be married in 2004, during the “Winter of Love” when about 4,000 same-sex couples exchanged vows. Courts overturned those particular unions, but last month the state Supreme Court struck down a ban on homosexual marriage. REUTERS

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Wireless prices to drop: Rogers

Upcoming release of iPhone setting stage for changes

Wireless prices are set to fall at the country's biggest carrier just in time for the Canadian launch of the data-hungry iPhone.

Nadir Mohamed, the chief operating officer of Rogers Communications Inc., said yesterday that wireless rates will "evolve" as subscribers begin using their cellphones for more than just talking — a trend that's expected to gain traction once Apple Inc.'s iPhone is available to Canadians through Rogers on July 11.

While some had expressed concern that high wireless data rates might limit the iPhone's appeal in Canada, Mohamed said Rogers will unveil new pricing models in the coming weeks that are intended to "drive adoption" of such devices.

Mohamed said it's unfair to criticize Rogers' existing rates because they were designed when cellphones were used mainly for voice conversations and text messages. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Centro to be sold

» Analysts have credited the iPhone for drawing consumer attention to the entire smartphone category, which also includes devices made by Waterloo's Research in Motion Ltd., Nokia Oyj and Palm Inc. Rogers said yesterday it also will sell Palm's Centro model.

»news In Brief

» **GAS** EnCana Corp. said it had made a leading position in gas shale ventures in B.C., Texas and Louisiana that could each yield up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day. REUTERS

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The Andong Mask Dance Festival, held from Sept. 26 – Oct. 5, offers a unique opportunity to experience one of Korea's cultural touchstones, highlighted by beautiful costumes and dances.

The city of Andong is Korea's centre of Confucian culture and folk traditions and one of the few remaining examples of the Joseon Dynasty. The festival is a truly international event which offers a chance for visitors to witness and even participate in traditional mask dance while interacting with residents who still live in this traditional village.

The Gangjin Celadon Cultural Festival, held from Aug. 9 – Aug. 17, is an outstanding celebration of traditional celadon pottery making and admission is completely free. Visitors can make their own celadon pottery while learning about the art's history by visiting the region's highly-regarded Celadon Museum. Tea houses and restaurants are in amply supply, ready to soothe the stomachs and souls of travellers.

A boisterous celebration of Buddha's birthday, the Lotus Lantern Festival is a large and colourful international extravaganza encompassing parades, lantern-making workshops and exciting street festivals. The enormous festival usually takes over the entire centre of downtown Seoul and draws revellers from around the world. Reserve your travel plans early to make sure you'll join in the fun!

For true connoisseurs of design and crafted arts, the Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2009 will exhibit the greatest achievements in craft culture and design from around the world. Cheongju is noted as the place where major artisans from the worldwide craft industry showcase their work for the public and reveal the newest trends for the coming year. With a multitude of exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations of craft artisanship, the Cheongju Internation Craft Biennale 2009, open from September to November, is an event not to be missed by lovers of culturally important arts and crafts, particularly as Canada will be the featured guest country.

Korea's vibrant and joyful culture is given life by more than 5,000 years of rich history and the kind, playful spirit of its people – make sure you experience it.

Question: What event in Korea allows you to experience Korean arts and crafts but also those from around the world in 2009?
A1: Lotus Lantern Festival 2009
A2: Boryeong Mud Festival
A3: Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2009
A4: Geumsan Insam (Ginseng) Festival

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Limping Tiger triumphant

Woods battles through bad knee, playoff to win third U.S. Open title

Tiger Woods held off a late comeback by fellow American Rocco Mediate and sporadic knee pain to win his 14th major title in a nail-biting playoff for the U.S. Open yesterday.

The world No. 1, three shots ahead after 10 holes, slipped to one behind playing the last before triumphing in sudden-death with a regulation par at the 19th hole on the South Course at Torrey Pines.

Woods, who birdied the par-five 18th to match Mediate's level-par round of 71, sealed his third U.S. Open victory with a two-putt par at the seventh where his birdie attempt from 25 feet fell inches short.

Mediate bogeyed the hole after driving into a fairway bunker and pulling his approach into the left rough 100 yards short of the green. After reaching the green in three, he failed to sink the par putt from 20 feet.

"Today was just unreal," a beaming Woods said in a greenside television interview after joining his childhood idol Jack Nicklaus as the only player to win each of the four majors at least three times.

"It was back and forth, back and forth and 90 holes wasn't enough. We had to go one more." REUTERS

DANNY MOLOSHOK/REUTERS

Tiger Woods kisses the trophy after beating Rocco Mediate in the playoff round of the U.S. Open golf championship at Torrey Pines in San Diego yesterday.

Woods win good for everybody

TOUL BOX
SCOTT RINTOUL
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After 91 holes at Torrey Pines, **Tiger Woods** was once again hoisting the U.S. Open trophy after narrowly defeating **Rocco Mediate**. But the real winner in San Diego was the sport of golf.

While a Mediate victory would've been the best story of the weekend, the PGA and all of its partners will parlay Tiger's win into so much more.

The immediate impact of yet another chapter in the legend that is already Tiger will be felt; his win came with a wonky knee that has yet to fully recover from surgery and he forced a pair of playoffs with birdies on his final hole in back-to-back rounds. Secondly, Tiger was in the spotlight for five days instead of four, which means ratings for the U.S. Open will be through the roof — that can only help to increase both sponsorship and broadcast revenue in the near future.

Tiger's 14th major also means the "Quest for the Best" is back on track as Woods is now just four major victories shy of **Jack Nicklaus'** all time record, yet another reason that interest in golf should intensify with the British Open and PGA Championship still up for grabs.

» This week's Sonics' trial in Seattle is being watched with much interest as it will be precedent setting either way. The federal court will determine whether Sonics' owner **Clay Bennett** is allowed to break the team's lease with Key Arena, which runs through 2010, thus paving the way for a move to Oklahoma City. A win for Seattle would certainly alter the plans of prospective owners who intend to buy a pro sports franchise with relocation in mind.

» Local baseball gets going tonight at Nat Bailey as the Vancouver Canadians open their season against the Tri City Dust Devils. The C's will play their first five games at home, including the first nooner of the season this Friday. If you haven't been out to "the Best Little Ballpark in the World" for a couple of years, you'll be surprised. Owners **Jake Kerr**, **Jeff Mooney** and **Andy Dunn** have done an outstanding job of sprucing up the stadium.

» Want to weigh in? Email me at –*scott.rintoul@metronews.ca*

How to make a Scott Rintoul: Mix equal parts college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. Shake vigorously.

»sports In Brief

» **MLB** The struggling Seattle Mariners, last in all of baseball, fired executive vice president of baseball operations and general manager Bill Bavasi yesterday, and replaced him with Lee Pelekoudas on an interim basis.

» **NHL** The Nashville Predators signed defenceman Ryan Suter to a four-year, $14-million US contract yesterday. Suter, 23, established career highs in assists (24), points (31) and penalty minutes (71) last season.

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Ballack's big blast lifts Germany into quarters

Croatia finishes first in Group B

EURO2008

Germany dashed the dreams of their smaller neighbour Austria yesterday, beating the hopeful co-hosts of Euro 2008 1-0 in their capital and dumping them out of the tournament.

Any Austrian hopes of upsetting the powerful Germans were dashed just after halftime when Germany captain Michael Ballack hit a screaming free kick into the roof of the net for what turned out to be the winner.

"It's our own fault we ended up in this situation due to the Croatia match," the German captain said. "It meant we couldn't play relaxed."

In yesterday's other encounter, Croatia beat Poland 1-0 with a goal from striker Ivan Klasnic, who has undergone two kidney transplants in the past 18 months.

Croatia, will now play Turkey in the quarter-finals in Vienna on Friday, one day after Germany take on Group A winners Portugal. REUTERS

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Shower curtain chemicals

Report on vinyl warns of product contamination

As many as 100 harmful chemicals are released into the air from PVC shower curtains, according to a recent study.

Toxic chemical off-gassing may contribute to respiratory irritation, damage to the liver, central nervous and reproductive systems, according to the report, titled "Volatile vinyl: The new shower curtain's chemical smell."

The report was released jointly by the U.S.-based Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Canada-based Environment Defence and Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA).

Pregnant women and children are particularly vulnerable, and heat or humidity can increase the release of chemicals, said the report.

Using PVC shower curtains purchased from U.S. retailers, researchers found numerous hazardous chemicals including volatile organic compounds (VOC), phthalate, organotins and metals. Seven of the chemicals are classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and several are considered human health concerns — but not regulated — under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

"Not only are vinyl products contaminating our indoor air, but they release toxic dioxins during manufacturing and incineration," said CELA executive director Theresa McClenaghan.

A recent report found PVC shower curtains contained numerous hazardous chemicals that could damage reproductive systems.

"The federal government has a window of opportunity to proactively regulate these chemicals with a major bill before Parliament to amend the federal Hazardous Products Act."

Environment Defence and CELA urged Ottawa to ban PVC in shower curtains and called on manufacturers and retailers to switch to safer products, such as those made of cotton. They are also asking for warning labels on PVC curtains. One of the brands tested was also found in Canadian stores, and major department stores in Canada sell a variety of vinyl shower curtains, said Environment Defence.

> *« Not only are vinyl products contaminating our indoor air, but they release toxic dioxins during manufacturing and incineration »*
>
> *Theresa McClenaghan, CELA executive director*

The American Chemistry Council, which represents chemical manufacturers, defends the safety of phthalate, an additive that makes hard plastics flexible. In testimony before the U.S. Senate last May, the council said American regulatory agencies "have reached conclusions supporting their safe use" and the "scientific evidence supports the continued use."

However, the council admitted that media attention has created public concern about those chemicals.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No higher death risk in long-term coffee drinking

A recent study found no link between coffee consumption and cancer deaths.

Long-term coffee drinking does not appear to increase a person's risk of early death and may cut a person's chances of dying from heart disease, according to a study published yesterday.

Previous studies have given a mixed picture of health effects from coffee, finding a variety of benefits and some drawbacks from the popular drink. The new study looked at people who drank caffeinated or decaffeinated coffee.

Researchers led by Esther Lopez-Garcia of Universidad Autonoma de Madrid in Spain followed 84,214 U.S. women from 1980 to 2004 and 41,736 U.S. men from 1986 to 2004.

They found that regular coffee drinking — up to six cups a day — was not associated with increased deaths among the study's middle-aged participants. In fact, the coffee drinkers, particularly the women, experienced a small decline in death rates from heart disease.

The study found no association between coffee consumption and cancer deaths.

"Our study indicates that coffee consumption does not have a detrimental effect," Lopez-Garcia, whose research appears in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine, said. "It seems like long-term coffee consumption may have some beneficial effects."

There has been a debate among scientists about the health effects of drinking coffee, which typically contains the stimulant caffeine and a number of other important compounds.

The people who took part in the research completed questionnaires on how frequently they drank coffee, other diet habits, smoking and medical conditions. The researchers then studied the mortality risk over the period of the study among people with different coffee-drinking habits.

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medical

Cosmetic surgery booms in Britain

SURGERY Britons might be feeling the pinch of the global credit crunch, but they're still ready to pay thousands of pounds for cosmetic surgery, a report suggested yesterday. Britain's largest cosmetic surgery provider the Harley Medical Group said demand for procedures had grown by 35 per cent over the past 10 months.

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ANNE HINES

When it comes to washrooms, all women want is more access, time and a decent level of cleanliness, says our columnist.

This morning I've come face to face with one of the unhappy truths of life.

You can't blame the opposite sex for everything. Most of the time, we would really like to do this. Women would like to blame men for everything from world wars to water retention. Men would like to blame women for the existence of such things as hygiene and greeting cards.

What I wanted to blame men for today was a comment by my friend, Rob. Rob said, and it pains me to share this, he said, "I don't see why we need more public washrooms."

We all know that small boys grow up believing there's an invisible men's room sign on every shrub and back alley. Mothers of small girls on the other hand see the end of diaper wearing as the beginning of "now we have to find a washroom every 20 minutes." We also know that the length of time between when a toddler lisps, "I have t'gooooo," and when they do is 12.68 seconds. I shed most of my postpartum weight chasing down grocery clerks to beg for "the key" or sprinting through department stores schlepping a 20 pound child, trying to make it to the women's room, always conveniently located at the far end of the upper floor in the very back section.

For adult women, washroom access isn't much easier. At a recent concert, the line to use the women's room was out the door, down the aisle, onto the stage. The men's room appeared to have no takers at all. I said there ought to be another women's room. Rob suggested that perhaps men are just more efficient.

That doesn't mean he's insensitive. It did mean he had to walk home.

It's a fact of being human that if we don't need something, we don't always accept that anyone else needs it either. This applies to everything from religion to Botox. When it comes to washrooms, all women want is time, a reasonable level of cleanliness and a sense that this is intimate space. I don't know why men don't get this. We've been saying the same about sex for ages.

In the end, I think the real challenge is to stop thinking we all need the same things and start listening to what we tell each other we need. I don't know if this will get us more washrooms. I do know it would be a relief.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Green-area living may not mean more exercise

Living near green space makes little or no difference in how much people exercise during their leisure time, Dutch researchers said recently.

In fact, people who live closest to green areas in urban or rural areas walk and cycle less often and for shorter amounts of time than other residents, they reported in the journal BioMed Central Public Health.

"We found that there was either no relationship or only a small one between green space and physical activity," said Jolanda Maas, a researcher at the Nivel Institute in Utrecht, who led the study. "People with more green space walk and cycle less often in their leisure time."

People with 20 per cent of green space walked around 250 minutes each week during their leisure time compared to 180 minutes — more than an hour less — for those surrounded by 80 per cent of green space.

This may be because people in less urban environments need to use their cars more to get to places such as shops, schools and the doctor's office, Maas said.

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»news In Brief

» **WEBSITE** Amy Cross, a former Chatelaine magazine health editor, recently launched a collaborative blogging site called Women Want Answers (*www.womenwantanswers.com*). Described as "participatory journalism," the site allows women to ask questions, suggest stories and contribute reporting. "The site is user-generated and user-directed media," says Cross.

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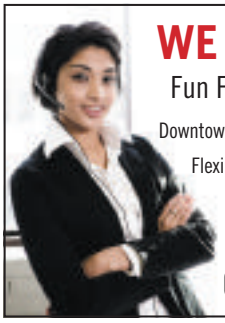

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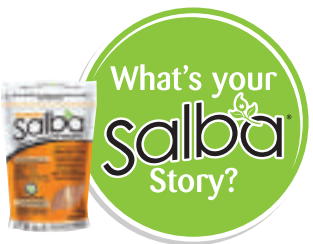

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entertainment

Heroes actor Christopher Eccleston will team up with Hilary Swank, left, in new movie Amelia, which tells the story of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

celb parenting

Book from Spears' mom this fall

Spears

PEOPLE Before news of 17-year-old Jamie Lynn Spears' pregnancy broke, her mom was shopping a parenting book, *InTouchWeekly.com* reports. Lynne Spears has taken the project off hold and is said to be releasing Through the Storm: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World, this fall. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Star Trek star

Takei to pick up marriage licence

Takei

PEOPLE Star Trek actor George Takei will become one of the first gay people to receive a marriage licence when the documents are handed out tomorrow in California, *imdb.com* reports.He announced plans to wed partner Brad Altman the day after new legislation overturned a ban on same-sex marriages last month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sounds of alienation

The Awkward Stage has message we can all relate to

By **ROB MCMAHON**
for Metro Vancouver

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Slimming Mirrors, Flattering Lights, The Awkward Stage's new album, was released last week.

Contemporary pop culture is packed with conceptions of awkwardness: the Office's satire, the romance of emo or the aw-shucks of John Hughes films.

Shane Nelken — singer-songwriter in Vancouver's The Awkward Stage — loves them all.

"Awkwardness is always there. No matter how confident people seem, there's some scenario that can make their confidence totally end," said Nelken." Too often youth is sentimentalized in songs and pop culture as a glorious time, but I think it was a horrible time."

Nelken's perspective on awkwardness envelops his work. His debut album's cover featured a headgear-sporting Nelken perched beside a blow-up doll. Anime Eyes, a track off Slimming Mirrors, Flattering Lights, references Otaku, a subculture of disaffected Japanese youth that science fiction author William Gibson described as "pathological-techno-fetishist-with-social-deficit" and Nelken as are "disconnected from reality and instead their life is all virtual — that's their world."

Despite generally sounding happy, the new record touches on a consistent theme of alienation and disconnection. For example, the title refers to the effect a strong set has on a photo shoot — a situation also brought up in the song Only Good Days Caught on Camera. Nelken explained that the idea behind such images was that managing appearances often doesn't address root problems, instead just making things look OK.

"I didn't set out to make a concept album, but most of the songs, if not all of them, deal with things being not quite what they seem," he said. "[They all cover] some form of delusion."

> *«Awkwardness is always there. No matter how confident people seem, there's some scenario that can make their confidence totally end»* Shane Nelken

Philosophy aside, in a musical sense Nelken draws inspiration from pop outsiders like Nick Lowe. While such artists stuck to the genre's focus on melody, they also wrote lyrics and music that subverted predictable formats. At the same time, Nelken is conscious of the danger of sounding too clever.

"Nick Lowe [shows that] just because something has a pop melody doesn't mean it has to be devoid of substance," he said. "There's so much punk rock energy running throughout every one of [Lowe's] songs that make it heavier than some punk in a lot of ways."

In the new album Nelken and band-mates Tygh Runyan, Tony Koelwyn and Chris Mitchell aim towards that effect. For example, they harness Mitchell's experience as a Vancouver Symphony Orchestra trumpet player, building Your Heart Moves on Without You towards what Nelken calls "a sound like old Stacks/Volt—old school R&B horns, dirty organ riffs, raunchy guitar…Just a wall of trumpets."

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Refreshing but not joyous

Control/Joy Division
Stars: Ian Curtis
Distributor: Alliance DVD

DVD REVIEWS
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ALLIANCE IS packaging these two films together, but one day they'll probably be available in a single, Criterion-like edition, to provide an almost definitive take on Joy Division, the band, and Ian Curtis, their tragic lead singer, as they were regarded just over 25 years after the band, and the man, ceased to exist.

In any case, if you want one, you'll probably want both.

Photographer Anton Corbijn focuses on the personal side of Curtis' tragedy by basing the movie on the book written by his widow after his death. It's a refreshing shift in perspective from the one that prevailed among his fans for so many years after Curtis hung himself on the eve of the band's first U.S. tour in 1980 — one that made Curtis the ultimate punk nihilist, taking "we mean it, maaan!" to the logical conclusion for the author of some of the most despairing lyrics ever set to music.

Corbijn's movie shows that a youthful, impulsive marriage, an affair, and the side effects of epilepsy medication were the more concrete, banal sources of Curtis' emotional turmoil, and the director dramatizes is all in an austere, black-and-white style that evokes British kitchen sink drama of the '60s.

Grant Gee's Joy Division broadens the picture wider, putting Curtis and his band in the context of northern England in the '70s, using a combination of archival footage and interviews with Curtis' bandmates and contemporaries and Annik Honore, his girlfriend.

The documentary does a great job evoking not just the particular political entropy in England at the time, but the tired, shopworn, pre-apocalyptic feel of the late '70s in general, which was such fertile social ground for the bleakness that inspired Curtis, both creatively and personally.

More painfully, it details how everyone around him completely misread the obvious signals he was given, either by misinterpreting it as mere art, or through stoic northern male emotional indifference.

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Actress Eva Mendes, left, is in talks to star opposite Nicolas Cage in Werner Herzog's remake of the 1992 film Bad Lieutenant.

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ABOVE: Actor Gordon Pinsent, after speaking at the Magnetic Encounters Series Celebrity Speaker engagement at Performance Works, charms everyone at a private reception at the home of Roberta Beiser. **RIGHT:** Blo Blow Dry Bar president and CEO Judy Brooks, centre, cuddles up to realtor Alexis Palkowski, left, and Jeweliette jewely designer Elsa Corsi at the Four Seasons' opening.

ABOVE: Blair Qualey, executive director Vancouver Board of Trade, left, congratulates Aquarium gala VP Doris Gnandt and husband Erich on a successful night. **RIGHT:** Members of the Underground Circus frolick among the fishes at the Night at the Aquarium gala.

Sea and be scene

SOCIAL EYES
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The Vancouver Aquarium's signature gala fundraiser, Night at the Aquarium, was making waves last week as more than 500 guests and one special V.I.B. — Very Important Beluga — were the toast of the town. The show stealing birth of a female calf to Qila on June 10 was all the talk as patrons wined and dined on fabulous food from signature Vancouver restaurants and were treated to a night of aquatic delights and maternal insights at this wonderful sea-and-be-scene event that raised more than $300,000. Also last week, members of the Yaletown Lions Club welcomed international VIPs and dignitaries at the Black and White Gala. Catered by the Opus Hotel at the Vancouver Library, this elegant event was held in support of Yaletown House, an extended care facility for the elderly. Concord Pacific was also honored with an Award of Merit for their contributions to the neighbourhood. And finally, a big shout out to the gang at Blo Blow Dry Bar on the opening of their third location in the Four Seasons hotel. Even Sex And The City's Kim Cattrall had a peek in at the new hot pink palace. Congrats Jon Paul Holt — you finally got your hands on the biggest hair in town — wink.

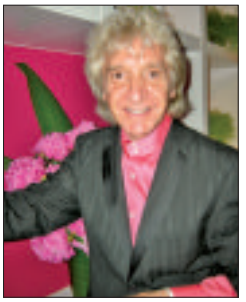
Cat Calls? Please visit *www.catherinebarr.com* to submit your event or e-mail info@catherinebarr.com. She can also be heard on CFUN 1410 AM radio Fridays at 4 p.m.

LEFT: Alli Storem, left, Dominic Fielden and Josie Cowan of Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co. are among the 12 Vancouver restaurants taking part in the Aquarium gala.

ABOVE: Mayor Sam Sullivan and fiancée Lynn Zanatta at the Night at the Aquarium gala. **BELOW:** Jon Paul Holt, of Avant Garde and Blo success, adds the new Four Seasons location to his repertoire of celebrity stylings.

RIGHT: Vancouver Yaletown Lions Club president Richard Collins and Black and White gala chair Evelyn David McNulty raise funds for Yaletown House.

LEFT: Yaletown House's Carol Crichton, left, and Lynn Parkin chat with BMO's Anne Marie Meehan in the lobby of the library during the Black and White reception.



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Fearing on-demand TV

IDIOT BOX

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SO DEMANDING: Single or childless people can attest to the transformation that often overtakes their friends when they have kids — an overwhelming urge to update you on their latest parenting adventures that's both obsessive and boring, and can only partially be blamed on a chronic sleep deficiency that, as the medical textbooks tell us, can lead to psychosis.

During the first few months of their baby's life, parents are often grateful for those moments, late at night, when they can unwind in front of the tube, their baby asleep on their shoulder. But as soon as it's obvious junior has noticed the TV's magic diorama, the anxiety begins, prompted by studies — printed monthly in every parenting magazine — that inform us that just three hours of TV watching a week in the first two years of a child's life will irrevocably damage their chances of getting a scholarship to Yale law school.

These studies get trotted out on cue in a piece by Joanna Weiss in Sunday's Boston Globe, but only after the writer gets anxious over the much harder-to-quantify effect that DVRs and video-on-demand will have on vulnerable young minds. Weiss begins by waxing nostalgic for the TV of her youth, a life lived "beholden to the television schedule," where she had to watch what was on, only when it was on.

What Weiss seems to have forgotten is that this Edenic world flat out sucked — I know because I was there, too. Given the choice between trawling up and down the vast expanse of digital cable until I find something to kill an hour or two and a quick circuit of less than a dozen channels that inevitably leads to The Love Boat, I'll take the former.

Weiss recounts the awkward conversation she has with her children whenever they ask to see something that isn't either on the DVR's hard drive or available on demand. I've had that conversation, which Weiss doesn't seem to be able to see as an expression of a child's concept of the eternal now. She worries her child is "missing something if she isn't forced to wait for precisely what she wants."

But fears about being able to pause a show or choose what you want to watch when you want are only valid if you think that bookmarks and libraries have made reading an activity full of potentially damaging side effects. And if you're so worried, maybe now's the time to go all Amish and kick the TV to the curb — if you dare.

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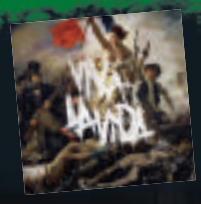

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AFI's 10 Top 10
How does "Shrek" stack up against "Pinocchio"? "The original "Scarface" against "The Departed"? "Unforgiven" against "The Searchers"? This year, instead of a 100-best list, the American Film Institute presents a series of top-10 lists, counting down the best films in 10 different genres, including sci-fi, animation, Westerns, courtroom dramas, mysteries and epics. As always, lots of stars weigh in with commentary. 8 PM on CH

America's Got Talent
In season one, an 11-year-old singer took home the grand prize. In season two, it was a 40-something ventriloquist and impressionist. Who'll be America's pick this year? That's up to America ... once judges Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff winnow down the field from the thousands who auditioned. You can see some of them — the good, the bad and the worse — tonight with the premiere of season three. 9 PM on VI

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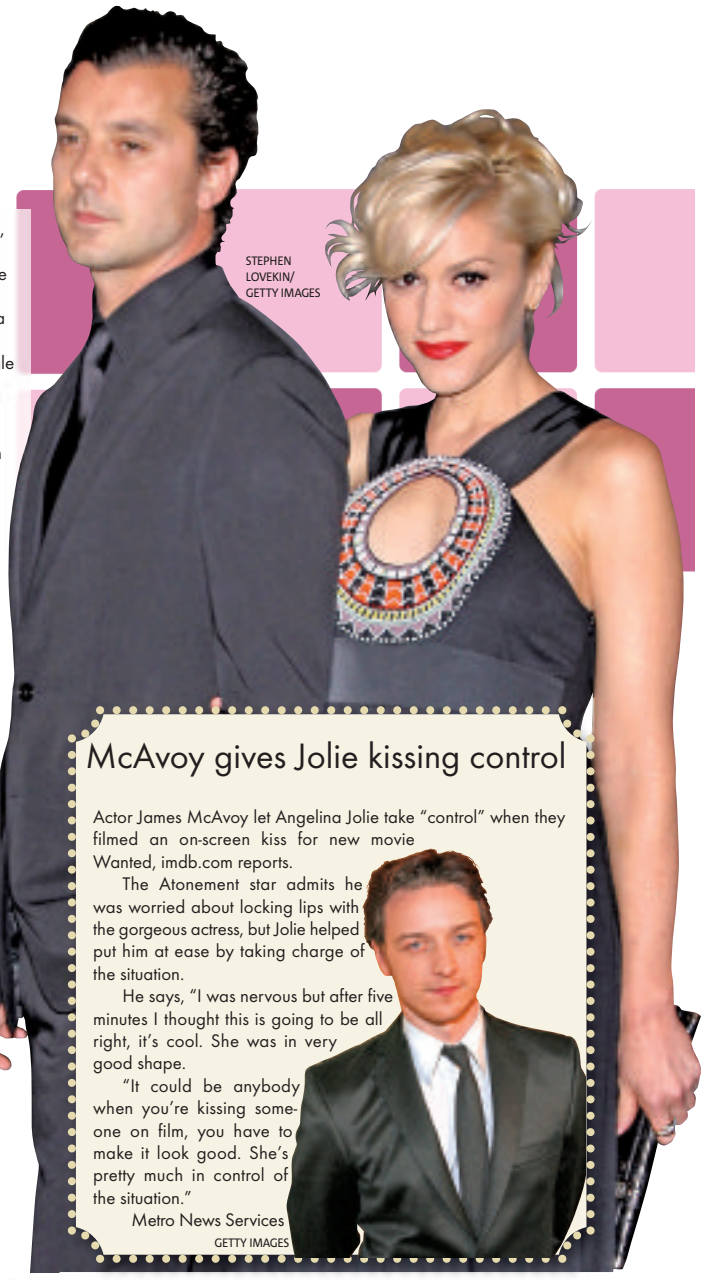

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Gwen Stefani and husband Gavin Rossdale are painting their new baby nursery black, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Rossdale, who already has a two-year-old son Kingston with Stefani, has revealed the couple are shunning traditional pastel shades in favour of a gothic theme.

The rocker told America's OK! magazine: "We are going to put him in a black room. It'll be a goth baby so it doesn't matter if it is a boy or a girl."

Despite being tempted, the couple still haven't found out the sex of their unborn baby. Rossdale said: "We don't know if it's a boy or a girl yet."

The British musician has also revealed he and Stefani are having difficulty explaining to Kingston that he will soon have a younger brother or sister.

He said in an interview with website bild.de: "We try to explain the pregnancy to him, but I'm not sure if he understands what's going on. I think the birth of the new baby is going to be a big shock for Kingston!"

Metro News Services

Rhys enjoys being single again

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Actor Rhys Ifans is in great spirits following his split with ex-fiance Sienna Miller, according to his co-star Talulah Riley. According to imdb.com, the St. Trinians star, who has been filming new movie The Boat That Rocked with Ifans, insists the Welshman is enjoying being single again – despite recent tabloid speculation he has been seen weeping on the film's set. Riley says, "I don't know what's been in the papers but he was laughing and joking all the time on set. He was just one of the lads, you know. I didn't notice him down or anything."

The couple allegedly parted ways earlier this month, with Miller reportedly dumping Ifans by phone. Metro News Services

Beckinsale wants derriere film double

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Kate Beckinsale has reportedly demanded a body double for her latest film because she feels self-conscious about the size of her bottom, imdb.com reports. The star, 34, allegedly refused to bare her derriere while shooting a shower scene in new movie Whiteout – forcing producers to hire a US $2,000-a-day model to stand in for the star. A source tells Britain's The Mail On Sunday, "The script called for her character to be filmed nude in a shower, focusing in on her bottom and thighs. Kate insisted on a double being hired. She was quite open on the set about not liking her body and said she particularly loathed her bottom and was not comfortable baring it." Metro News Services

McAvoy gives Jolie kissing control

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Actor James McAvoy let Angelina Jolie take "control" when they filmed an on-screen kiss for new movie Wanted, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement star admits he was worried about locking lips with the gorgeous actress, but Jolie helped put him at ease by taking charge of the situation.

He says, "I was nervous but after five minutes I thought this is going to be all right, it's cool. She was in very good shape.

"It could be anybody when you're kissing someone on film, you have to make it look good. She's pretty much in control of the situation."

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Dion sues her architect

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Celine Dion says her architect doesn't know much about geometry and wants big bucks from him because of it, tmz.com reports. Dion hired Florida architect Randall Stofft in 2005 to build her a $3 million US Jupiter Island pad – complete with an octagonal living room. Stofft had a different vision, and Dion says he refused to build the house the way she wanted. Now the house still isn't finished, according to the Palm Beach Post, and Dion's filed suit asking for a quarter mil in damages.

The architect had no immediate comment.

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Family, friends keep Lewis grounded

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British pop star Leona Lewis is neither a diva nor a train wreck and she owes it all to her family and friends, people.com reports.

"I have the advantage of a great support structure," the singer tells Parade magazine in its June 15 issue.

"I get honest opinions from my family and friends. They aren't always telling me what I want to hear, but the truth helps keep my head straight."

It's the kind of straight talk that's kept Lewis grounded and contributed to her squeaky clean image – unlike that of fellow British singer Amy Winehouse, who is in constant rotation in the tabloids for her behaviour.

"Amy is an amazing artist and so talented," Lewis says when asked how a young performer manages to avoid the kind of train wreck Winehouse seems to have become. "A performer's privacy is taken away. The media are always there. You can't make your mistakes in private."

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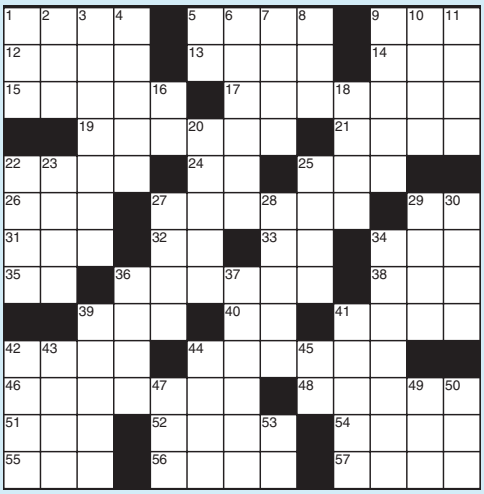

down

1 Kind of jacket
2 40-cup brewer
3 Squirms
4 Touches
5 Squawkbox, briefly
6 Trouble brewing
7 Meadow bellows
8 Literary compilation
9 Aleut carving
10 General vicinity
11 Social underachiever
16 Peru's cont.
18 Keep away from
20 Fix software
22 Level
23 Too suave
25 Very, to Yves
27 Comic-strip dog
28 Roused up
29 Turns right
30 Byron's works
34 Mining company employee
36 Podium feature
37 Later! (2 wds.)
39 Faint
41 Dory
42 VHS predecessor
43 Old-time oath
44 Any
45 Near or beside
47 Beaver project
49 Absorbed, as costs
50 Dundee refusal
53 Midwest st.

across

1 Breathe hard
5 Cougar
9 Caramel-colored
12 Old barge canal
13 Before long
14 Iron source
15 High mountains
17 Oven pan
19 Clearings
21 Part of a pin
22 Ally opposites
24 Element no. 99
25 — a ride
26 Started a fire
27 Get
29 Make tracks
31 Gore and Capone
32 Fond — Lac
33 Not they
34 Lettuce layer
35 Cobb of baseball
36 Filet —
38 "Crooklyn" director
39 Compete for
40 Not hurt
41 Mouth off
42 Prominent nose
44 Rib-eyes
46 Incited (2 wds.)
48 Atlas or Prometheus
51 Sweater letter
52 In a frenzy
54 Greek-salad cheese
55 Lime cooler
56 Gulls' cries
57 Unobstructed

previous answer

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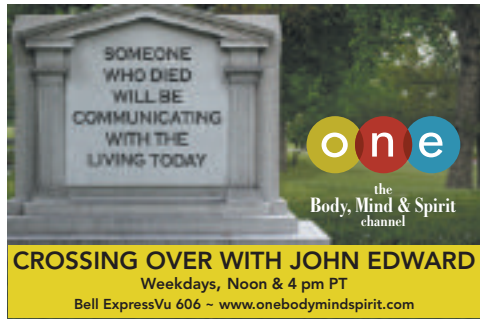
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ARIES | March 21-April 20
You're suffering from someone's fussiness. Use discretion when judging a pushy person. Someone is struggling to break a bad habit.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A disagreeable co-worker is trying to fool you. Someone is stuck between sadness and crisis. A man comments on your generosity.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
A friend is causing emotional turmoil. Somebody's tenderness will astonish you. Shake up the status quo as soon as you can.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Refuse to play with a workplace bully. Swallowing your pride isn't much fun. Expect little in terms of romance.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Avoiding issues will cause dismay. An official will help out with documents. You're not to blame for a weird situation.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
There'll be no trouble in work-related surprises. Take messages correctly or there'll be consequences. Act sensibly in a personal issue.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Too much sensitivity about principles will get you fired. Something in the mail gives you joy. People will want you to do their stuff.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A financial institution won't back up its advertising. Intestinal distress results in a medical visit. Romance is the last thing on your mind.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
An admirer wants a chance at partnership. A clingy person wants more than you do. Be patient with weak people.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Loss is possible due to forgetfulness. Demands won't put love in someone's heart. Be careful about chatting with strangers.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Love grows with a cheerful person. Not all choices are worthwhile. You will be amazed by your sense of efficiency.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Good news comes in regard to getting credit. Speak up for an unfairly accused person. A sudden change works out.

AVATAR VENUS

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

4	5	3	6	2	1	7	8	9
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This Day IN HISTORY

June 17, 1631: Mumtaz Mahal died during childbirth. Her husband, Mughal emperor Shah Jahan I, then spent more than 20 years to build her tomb, the Taj Mahal.
June 17, 1885: The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.
June 17, 1901: The College Board introduces its first standardized test, the forerunner to the SAT.
June 17, 1939: Last public guillotining in France. Eugen Weidmann, a convicted murderer, is guillotined in Versailles.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly cloudy. 18°	Partly cloudy. Low 10°	Partly cloudy. 15°/ 10°	60% Rain. 15°/ 10°	80% Rain. 15°/ 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 19.7°
Low: 11.4°

Records
High: 28.3°/1969
Low: 7.8°/1940

Sunrise: 5:06 a.m.
Sunset: 9:20 p.m.
Moonset: 3:44 a.m.
Moonrise: 9:15 p.m.

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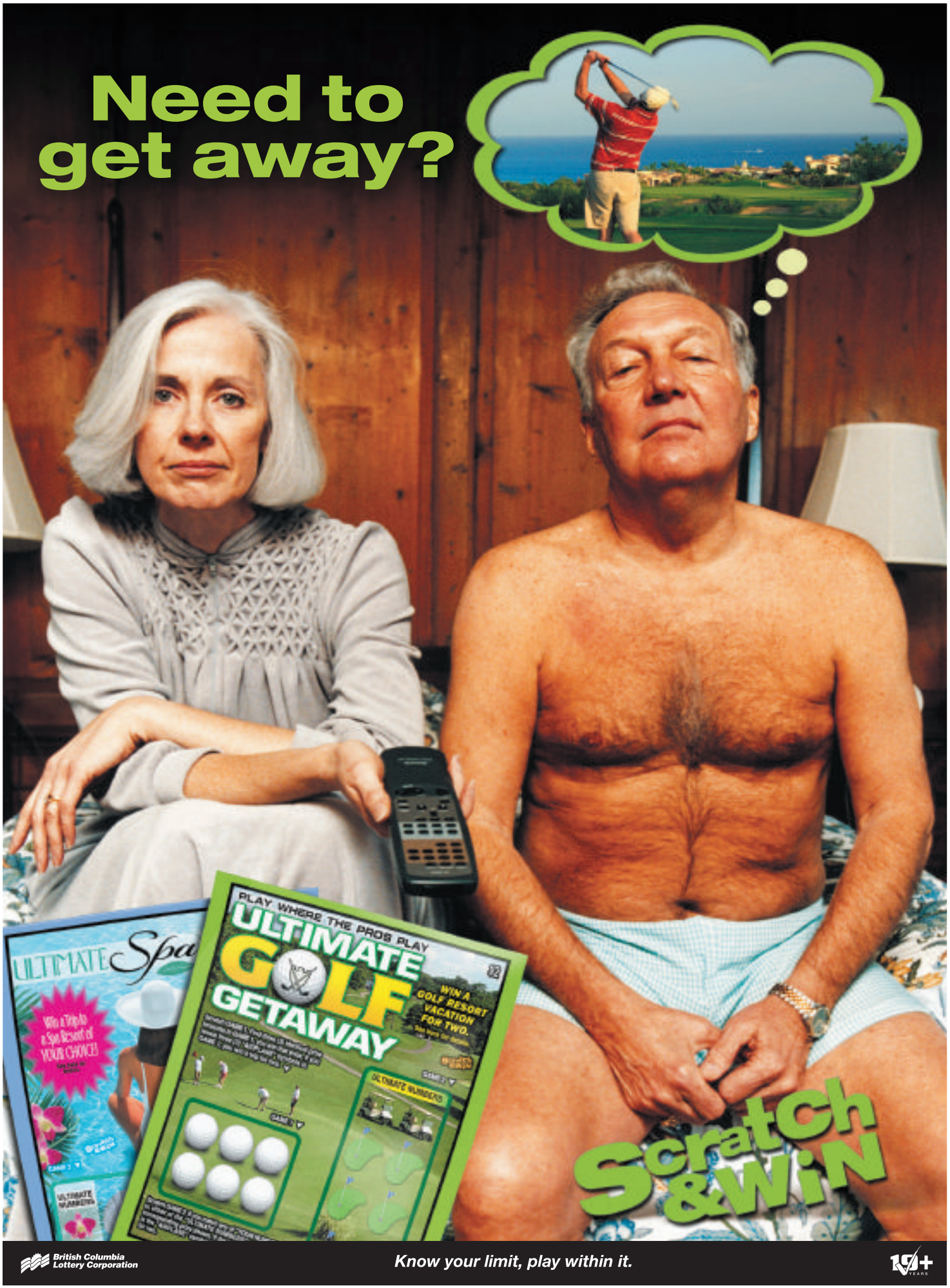
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